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## **Grand Teton National Park News Release**

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## Grand Teton National Park on Heightened Alert

Like all Americans, we too have been in shock this morning as we watched the horrific terrorist events unfold in New York City, Washington, D.C. and other points in the eastern part of our country.

Specifically here in Grand Teton National Park, we are working closely with Yellowstone National Park, the Bridger-Teton National Forest, and the National Elk Refuge to share critical law enforcement and operational information, as well as staff where appropriate. Additional law enforcement personnel have been posted at Grand Teton National Park's three entrance stations and at various other points throughout the park. We have directed our park employees to be alert and aware of any unusual activities. These precautionary measures have been taken as part of a heightened level of security at all U.S. federal installations.

All park-contracted aircraft are currently grounded per the order of the Federal Aviation Administration. No fire, search & rescue, or medical evacuation flights will be possible today.

We are communicating with the in-park lodging concessioners to coordinate assistance to the public who may not be able to travel to other destinations today and may instead remain longer in the park than they originally planned. We have also agreed on appropriate security measures for all lodging locations.

Grand Teton National Park remains open to the public with normal operations.

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